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CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular January, 1898, Term.

The regular January, 1898, term of the Chariton circuit court convened at Salisbury, Monday, January 10th, with the following officers present:

Hon. W. W. Rucker, judge; J. A. Collet, prosecuting attorney; J. R. Dempsey, sheriff; Wm. Ballinger, reporter, and H. B. Richardson, clerk.

J. R. Dempsey, sheriff, and L. A. Magruder and C. J. Woodson, his regularly appointed deputies, were duly sworn to summon jurors and execute other process returnable to present term of this court.

Venue ordered to issue, directed to the sheriff, commanding him to summon 12 good and lawful men from the body of Chariton county to serve as special grand jurors, made returnable, Tuesday, Jan. 11th, at 9 o'clock a. m., it appearing to the court that parties are in custody awaiting trial. At the appointed hour the following grand jurors were empaneled, sworn and duly charged, and retired to their room to consider of their presentments:

PETIT JURORS.

The following persons compose the regular panel of petit jurors:

Ramey Jackson, T H Carskadon, C B Rine, John Carsten, Fred Linneman, A J Bell, Isaac Hoddie, Henry Krager, C C Parks, George W Hocker, Alfred Kendrick, G K Laughlin, H A Fleming, James M Turner, Wm Claypool, John W Bailey, C H Woodson, P P Morris, O L Hampton, Louis Glasen, Wm Venable, W O B Smart.

J. J. Knight, D. W. Kay, Henry Meyer, Ben. Anderson, W. H. Taylor and S. S. Davenport were on the original panel of petit jurors as drawn by the county court, but the three former were absent, while Messrs. Ben. Anderson, W. H. Taylor and S. S. Davenport were not required to serve owing to illness or other plausible excuse, and their places were filled by Ramey Jackson, Alfred Kendrick and George W. Hocker, respectively, and James M. Turner was substituted for J. J. Knight.

The following cases have been passed upon up to this (Friday) morning:

CIVIL CASES.

Mansur-Tibbets Implement Co. vs. J. J. Ritchie et al, change of venue from Boone county, attachment; continued.

W. H. Fox vs. R. A. Partch, debt; continued as per stipulation on file.

Kansas Moline Plow Co. vs. Cecil Wayland et al, debt; continued by agreement.

Arthur Severance vs. E. B. Kellogg et al, debt; continued by agreement.

Walter Libby vs. same, same; same.

J. A. Egan vs. T. J. Martin et al, reversal; continued by agreement.

In the matter of the assignment of Thos. Foster, Eli Shire, assignee; continued.

Samuel Balch vs. Chas. Meyers, suit on bond; continued by agreement.

E. G. Samuel vs. Katie Gunn, suit on account; continued.

CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Missouri vs. R. W. Green, No. 2, rape; verdict on issue in plea in abatement for defendant. Defendant discharged.

Same vs. same, No. 3, same; special venire for a jury of 60 men, returnable, Wednesday, Jan. 19th. Green is the Clark township farmer who is charged with raping his own daughter, Grace Green. He was tried and acquitted on indictment No. 1 at Keytesville last October, and ran the gauntlet on a plea in abatement on indictment No. 2 last Monday, but there are yet three other indictments against him of the same character. His case will go to trial on indictment No. 3 Thursday of next week.

GRAND JURORS.

C. J. Vin, J. E. Dunn, A. D. Hurt, Jr., Samuel T. Cravens, J. W. Clavin,

F. M. Bash, Thos. Graves, J. W. Redd, Stephen Crawford, C. O. Houston, M. J. Lain and E. R. Hamilton, who were organized by the appointment of C. O. Houston as foreman.

CIVIL CASES.

John Welch vs Alex. Colyer, appeal; motion for new trial overruled.

Harry Hayes vs Annie Hayes, divorce; plaintiff has 60 days to file bond for costs, or in lieu thereof to deposit \$30 with clerk.

Reuben Winfree vs T. J. Hancock, suit on account; continued. Costs adjudged against plaintiff.

W. H. Wilson vs J. F. Conrad, debt; motion to dismiss sustained.

G. W. Cunningham et al vs Arthur Cunningham et al, partition; F. C. Sasse appointed guardian ad litem for all minor defendants.

Eelix Clearman vs T. F. Chrane, debt; continued by agreement.

J. P. Christian vs B. F. Moore et al, debt; defendants have 60 days to answer, and cause continued.

A. D. Hurt vs J. R. Carson et al, suit on note; plaintiff takes nonsuit with leave to withdraw note sued on.

J. H. Harring et al vs Thos. Ferguson, appeal; continued by agreement at plaintiffs' cost.

Eli Shire, assignee, vs B. F. Moore, suit on note; continued by agreement.

Walter Hayes vs Mary Hayes, divorce; plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs.

J. B. Zimmerman vs Peter Zimmerman et al, partition; commissioner's report approved. Commissioner ordered to execute deed to Mike Zimmerman as per report. Commissioner's report as to deferred payments approved, and commissioner ordered to distribute \$500 to Michael, Peter, J. A. and J. D. Zimmerman, each, and \$175 to Ellen Reyburn. Peter and Joseph A. Zimmerman each permitted to pay \$842.04 on notes for deferred payments, and cause continued to await final report.

C. H. Brandt et al vs F. W. Brandt et al, partition; motion to appoint commissioners to set off homestead sustained. Joseph Gross, George Hechler and Wm. Bitter appointed as such commissioners, and cause continued to await final report.

Benton Shupe vs Lemira Shupe, suit on note; transferred to circuit court at Keytesville as per stipulation.

Emma Dautel et al vs Covey Heryford et al, equitable partition; Fred Lamb appointed guardian ad litem for Mary Elizabeth Dautel, a minor defendant.

W. T. Barnes vs J. T. Thomas, damages; jury discharged, and by agreement defendant has 60 days to file an amended answer, and cause continued.

Singer Manufacturing Co. vs C. C. Clifton, ejectment; transferred to circuit court at Keytesville by agreement.

Julius H. Lauer vs Joseph Niederholtmeyer, suit on account; trial by jury and verdict for defendant.

Mary Reppenhagen vs Fred Reppenhagen, divorce; motion to strike out a part of plaintiff's petition overruled. Defendant files answer.

L. D. Shupe et al vs E. M. Shupe et al, suit to set aside deed; defendant has 60 days to answer, and cause continued.

CRIMINAL CASES.

The special grand jury returned the following indictments on Tuesday: Henry Brinker, a Keytesville darkey, for stealing two mules from Henry Bruce, col., of five miles west of Keytesville; Marion Bowman, a white man, for stealing a horse from B. P. Chapman of near Mendon; James Connors, Jos. Henny and Thomas Morton, the three weary Willies who burglarized Tracy & Hopper's store at Sumner of \$109 worth of goods; Wm. Ewing, col., for killing old "Uncle John" Redding in Keytesville the 30th of last month. None of the above defendants have yet been tried. All of them waived formal arraignment and pleaded not

guilty, with the exception of Henry Brinker, who, it is understood, will plead guilty.

The grand jury failed to find a true bill against the following parties, and they were ordered discharged: Robert Coy of near Westville, who was charged with felonious assault on James Enyard, col., of near Mike, he having struck Enyard across the head with a shotgun; Enyard, col., who was charged with felonious assault on James Henderson, a Salisbury darkey, having removed a small section of cuticle from Henderson's side by a shot from a pistol; Leeper, col., of near Dalton, whose arrest was chronicled in the last issue of the COURIER, for assaulting Eva Sanders, col., with a chair.

The present term of court so far has been an unusually dull one, but matters will probably "liven up" considerably next week when the criminal docket will be up for a hearing.

A Good Joke.

A good joke on Judge Rucker and three attorneys comes from circuit court at Salisbury this week, which is about as follows:

The grand jury failed to find a true bill against James Leeper, col., of near Dalton, who was charged with felonious assault on Eva Sanders, a negro, with a chair.

The original indictment as prepared by Prosecuting Attorney Collet was returned by the grand jury endorsed "not a true bill," but Judge Rucker in glancing at the paper overlooked the word "not," hence he reached the conclusion that a true bill had been returned. The judge arraigned Leeper and asked him if he had an attorney, and Leeper replied in the negative. After scoring the prisoner for not having employed counsel the court appointed A. W. Johnson, Fred Lamb and T. Marshall Rice to defend him.

The defendant, after consulting with his attorneys, decided to plead guilty to the charge against him, and thrust himself upon the mercy of the court. In the meantime Judge Rucker learned, through Prosecuting Attorney Collet, that no indictment had been returned against Leeper, but the judge saw some fun ahead so far as the attorneys were concerned, and waited until they filed into the court-room with their dusky client and informed Judge Rucker that Leeper would plead guilty to the indictment. The judge asked the attorneys if they had examined the indictment, and was informed, with a look of owl-like wisdom, that they had and had found it all right. The judge then inquired if they had noticed the endorsement on the indictment, and they admitted they had not, and when they looked and saw that it was endorsed "not a true bill," there were three of the blankest looking attorneys who ever appeared in a Chariton county circuit court-room.

It was now time to laugh, and everybody enjoyed the joke hugely, and even the interested attorneys grinned a grim grin.

Criminal Cost Bills.

Circuit Clerk H. B. Richardson received a draft for \$3,215.16 from State Auditor James M. Seibert this morning covering the bills of cost in the following criminal cases. Parties who are entitled to fees in these cases can get their money by calling on Mr. Richardson:

LIST OF CASES.

State vs W H Haslem.....	\$34 93
Same vs B F Bivens.....	165 45
Same vs Richard Phenix.....	319 20
Same vs Geo Lewis.....	15 40
Same vs Jno Hampton.....	44 50
Same vs Lewis Davis.....	77 70
Same vs Wm Bartel.....	10 90
Same vs Willis Gentry.....	75 75
Same vs Lizzie Tooley.....	115 70
Same vs Wm Carter.....	317 15
Same vs R W Green, No 1.....	1,545 90
Total.....	\$3,215 16

New Racket Store.

The new Racket store in the J. P. Tippet building in Keytesville is now open to the public and ready for business, and will sell you more goods for the money than anybody. You are cordially invited to call.

THE NEW RACKET.

The Tomb.

GALVIN:—Mike, the 12-year-old son of Mike Galvin, who is road-master of the Wabash at Brunswick, died of brain fever last Wednesday morning.

TAYLOR:—Frank, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of three miles southeast of Keytesville, died last Sunday morning after a painful illness of a complications of diseases which entirely baffled the skill of the attending physicians. The remains were interred at Asbury chapel cemetery last Monday. The COURIER tenders its sympathies to the bereaved parents.

CHASTINE:—Tuesday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Geo. T. Swain, five miles northwest of Keytesville, Mrs. L. H. Chastine departed this life. The deceased had attained the great age of 91 years, having been born in Halifax county, Va., in March, 1807. She had resided in Chariton county almost fifteen years, coming here from Logan county, Ky., whither she had removed from her old home in Virginia when she was but 18 years old. Mrs. Chastine had for many years been a zealous member of the Christian church. Intment took place at the Keytesville City cemetery on Wednesday, Rev. S. W. Johnson preaching the funeral sermon.

WORSHAM:—Mrs. Elizabeth Worsham, nee Forrest, died of pneumonia at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Oliver McEuen, in Shannondale, last Monday night at 9:20 o'clock, aged 59 years, 9 months and 6 days. The deceased was a relict of the late John Worsham, who died at his home, three miles southeast of Keytesville, in 1889. Mrs. Worsham was a native of Chariton county. She was a daughter of James and Louisa Forrest, and was

born in the village of Forrest Green now stands. When 19 years old she united with the Baptist church, and remained a faithful member of that organization until called to an upper and better world on high. She was married to John Worsham, May 24th, 1857, of which union 10 children were born, only three of whom, James and Bert of Keytesville and Mrs. Pearl McEuen of Shannondale, survive the lamented parents, seven children having entered within the veil. Mrs. Worsham had made her home in Keytesville for the past six years, but went to Shannondale last Thanksgiving to visit her daughter, and where she was stricken with pneumonia, which resulted fatally. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the old family Forrest burying ground near Forrest Green last Wednesday, Rev. H. H. Hulten of Keytesville paying a loving tribute to her memory at the grave.

RUCKER:—Death has again invaded our midst, and on Friday afternoon, Jan. 7th, claimed one of Keytesville's well-known M. D.'s in the person of Dr. M. J. Rucker, who had practiced medicine in Keytesville and vicinity for the past 35 years. He lacked but one day of being 69 years old. Several months ago the doctor received a fall in which he fractured a hip, and from the effects of which he was rendered a cripple, hence he was afterward unable to get about as well as formerly. The immediate cause of his demise was diabetes and pneumonia. He had been a sufferer from the first named malady for some time, but was taken with pneumonia the Sunday previous to his death. Dr. M. J. Rucker was born in Orange county, Va., Jan. 8th, 1829. When but 8 years of age he moved to Missouri with his parents and settled in Randolph county, four miles southwest of Huntsville, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. He was educated at Lost Cedar academy in Huntsville. In 1846 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Grizzard, near Huntsville, and pursued his medical studies until he graduated from the medical department of the

Kentucky state university at Louisville in 1849. Dr. Rucker began the practice of his chosen profession at Huntsville, but went to California in the spring of 1850, where he remained about one year, and then returned to Missouri. After a brief sojourn at Glasgow he moved to Chariton county and located three miles north of Keytesville, where he continued to practice medicine in that vicinity. In 1854 he moved to the neighborhood eight miles north of this place, where he resided for six years. When General Jackson called for troops in the spring of 1861, Dr. Rucker raised a company at Lexington, and was made assistant surgeon of Col. Burbridge's regiment. He took part in the battles at Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Dry Wood and Lexington. His term of service expired in six months from the time of his enlistment and he received an honorable discharge and returned to Keytesville where he has since resided. Dr. Rucker was married to Miss Narcissa Givens in this county, January 8th, 1857. This marriage was blessed with seven children, five of whom, with the widowed mother survive him, viz: William of Marceline, and Jackson, Miss Anna, Walter and Miss Nina of Keytesville. The deceased had been an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic fraternity for years, and was buried with the honors of the last named order last Saturday. Appropriate funeral services were conducted at the family residence, which were participated in by Revs. Xenophon Ryland, James R. Finley and J. T. Gose. May the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless be the guide and consolation of the bereaved ones in their dark hour of affliction.

Charged with Seduction.

Deputy Sheriff L. A. Embree arrested Capt. Brown at Eccles last Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Brown is wanted in Clinton county to answer to a charge of having seduced, under promise of marriage, Miss Maggie McGaughey, a female under 18 years, in January, 1897.

Mr. Embree made the arrest owing to Brown's appearance tallying with a photograph he had received from Sheriff Robt. C. Woodward of Clinton county, and the suspect proved to be the man wanted.

Brown has relatives living in the vicinity of Eccles, and has cut quite a swath in social circles in that community during the past few weeks. He is a swell dresser, a good talker, and to use a slang expression, is "real smooth." He had been to preaching at the Holiness church at Eccles last Saturday night, and had gone home with a young lady to find a surprise awaiting him, for just as he started to enter the yard gate leading to the rural domicile of his fair female companion, Deputy Sheriff Embree stepped up, placed the young lady's gallant under arrest, and emphasized the importance of the arrest by incasing Brown's wrists in a pair of handcuffs. These "indignities" were what Brown had been avoiding for 12 months past, having spent that time in two or three different states, but it proved to be an evil day for this alleged seductionist and despoiler of woman when he landed within the borders of Chariton county, for the motto of its officers is: "Let no accused criminal escape," and Brown's case proved to be no exception.

Special Deputy Sheriff Wm. Moore came to Keytesville last Sunday night, and early Monday morning took charge of Brown, who had been lodged in jail pending the arrival of Clinton county authorities, and escorted him back to the scene of his unholy lusts to stand trial.

Brown confessed his guilt of the charge against him to Deputy Sheriff Embree, and said that Miss McGaughey had become the mother of an illicit child as a result of his faithless promise to marry her.

An Amusing Incident.

Judge Rucker, attorneys and others who were present in the circuit court room at Salisbury last Tuesday afternoon enjoyed a good laugh at the expense of Constable F. M. Veatch of Keytesville.

William Ewing, the Keytesville negro who killed old "Uncle John" Redding, col., by a blow with his fist in this city Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, was indicted by the special grand jury last Tuesday for murder in the second degree. When the defendant, who is rather hard of hearing, was arraigned to plead to the charge of the indictment Judge Rucker asked him if he had a lawyer, and William informed his honor that he had. Upon the judge's inquiring who his attorney was, William said: "Mr. Veatch." Everybody laughed at this unexpected information, and the judge tried to look dignified, but just couldn't, you know, and he, too, had to laugh. Mr. Veatch, however, was not in the court room, hence his blushes were spared until the judge had Sheriff Dempsey call the newly-discovered legal light, and when he came into court a few minutes later and was greeted with a roar of laughter he blushed a great big blush, but notwithstanding his confusion he managed to look important and approached the judge's bench with an interrogation point adorning his countenance to learn what his honor wanted.

Upon being informed that William Ewing had named him as his attorney, Mr. Veatch led his "client" to a private room for an interview, just as though he was a sure-enough lawyer, and in a short time returned with William under the protection of his legal counsel and informed the court: "If your honor please, we waive formal arraignment and enter a plea of not guilty."

"That's right good for a start," responded Judge Rucker.

"Studied law," and he told Judge Rucker there was nothing more he could do except to request him to turn the prisoner loose.

The other attorneys of the Chariton county bar are talking of having Mr. Veatch prosecuted for practicing law without a license, but Judge Rucker says he will see that the gentleman does not suffer at the hands of other designing, jealous disciples of Blackstone.

Legal Notices.

The COURIER's prices for legal notices are \$1 a square for the first insertion and 50 cents a square for each subsequent insertion. These rates are in accordance with the Revised, 1889, Statutes of Missouri, and are reasonable and just.

For administrators', executors', final settlement and dissolution notices the COURIER charges \$4. Estray notices are \$1.60.

If any paper in Chariton county offers to run legal publications for less than the above rates, those to whom the offer is made can have their notices inserted in the COURIER free of charge by calling at this office and giving us the name of the publisher who made the offer.

The editor of the COURIER believes that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that every publisher is entitled to fees provided by our state laws for legal printing, and we shall only recede from this position in the future in order to cut the throat of newspaper cut-throats, who are doing everything in their power to demoralize the newspaper business, and to reduce it to a worse than a starvation basis.

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